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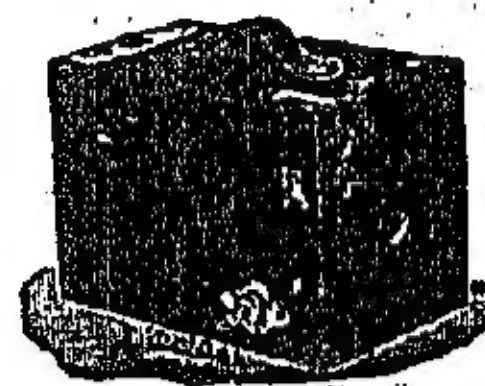
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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 31ST, 1904.

We do not like that imagery which asks  
us at this time to think of the Old Year as  
dying, and the New as one coming to the  
birth. The simile is one easily buttressed  
by similar similes; but for our present pur-  
pose, and for the annually recurring purpose  
of all sensible business men, that of "taking  
stock," we prefer to regard A. D. 1904 as a  
stage of a journey. Thus, though the stage  
just ending may have been dreary, full of  
perils, or altogether pleasant: though the  
stage upon which we are about to enter may  
present an aspect dreadful or the reverse;  
it is profitable to regard the ending year,  
not as a corpse needing hasty burial, but as  
an experience from which to extract warn-  
ings or new hopes, as the case may require.

Last year, on the whole then, may be  
regarded as one affording a by no means  
unpleasant retrospect. The horrors of war  
have marked its course almost from begin-  
ning to end; but the trouble in the houses  
of Russia and Japan has had the good effect  
of helping to put the British house in order.  
The allusion is, of course, to the series of  
friendly understandings arranged with other  
Powers, which remarkable series has been  
attributed, correctly, no doubt, to the per-  
sonal influence of His Majesty the King.  
There have been alarmist rumours of one  
sort or another, only to be expected during  
such a year of unrest, but it is still right to  
assert, as is done elsewhere, that "our rela-  
tions with other Powers continue friendly."  
The year began with a certainty of war.  
The number of those who failed to see its  
inevitableness was small. In the issue with  
which we began the year, we declared that  
the question was, not "will there be war?"

But "when will it begin?" A very few  
weeks sufficed to settle all such speculation;  
and a few more weeks startled the world  
into its first real sense of the potential  
qualities of a new Empire. It is hardly  
necessary to review events which have been  
kept fresh in our minds by succeeding ones.  
At present we are watching anxiously the  
desperate efforts of the losing side. Japan  
is paramount at sea, and while it is always  
unsafe to prophesy, the expectation is that,  
even after the advent of the new Russian  
Armada, she will continue to hold the sea.  
On land the Russians are either penned up,  
as at Port Arthur, or driven to the northern  
confines of the province out of which Japan  
undertook to drive them. One question  
affecting our nation, raised by the current  
war, was, and is, that of our occupancy of  
Wei-haiwei. Anxious enquiries were pur-  
sued by the Government; but there is no pro-  
bability that any eventuality will cause us  
to abandon the place. Our little affair with  
Tibet ripened during the year, and the  
result is supposed to have been entirely  
satisfactory. Disquieting rumours have it  
that the *status quo ante bellum* remains, and  
that our troops will again have to face the  
frosty perils of the high Himalayas. That  
is for A.D. 1905 to settle; and with it,  
perhaps, some clearer understanding with  
Russia as to the interests in those northern  
places where our lines have lately seem-  
ed so awkwardly to intersect. The  
political year was made remarkable by the  
development of Mr. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN's  
policy of fiscal reform. The noise of the  
great discussion reverberated in Hongkong,  
where we had debates, lectures, correspon-  
dence, and a plebiscite which "went the  
whole hog" in an overwhelming majority in  
favour of the ex-Colonial Secretary's ideas.  
The question of coolie transport to the South  
African mines in need of labour seems to  
have caused much more fuss at Home than  
the circumstances required, but there were so  
many points of view that it was difficult  
to define the main issue. A most important  
item of local politics was that introduced  
by the petition of 270 Hongkong ladies in  
favour of the registration of servants. The  
gist of the answer, and the reason why  
nothing has yet been done, was Sir HENRY  
BLAKE'S *non possumus*. It is to be hoped  
that the new Governor which 1904 gave us  
will not be daunted by the difficulties, but  
that he will, in 1905, see some way of show-  
ing that such a scheme is as possible as it  
is desirable. The registration of Chinese  
partnerships was another question raised  
during the year by Sir W. M. GOODMAN,  
who, by the way, went Home soon after.  
Of business done, we may express gratitude  
for the issue of Sir JOHN CARRINGTON'S  
revised ordinances, and for the adoption of  
the Hill District Reservation Bill. There  
have been two shocking murders to blench  
our year's retrospect, and several serious  
fires among many. Religious matters are  
presented in a favourable light by the lay-  
ing of the foundation stones of two churches  
at Kowloon. The year will also be remem-  
bered as the year of the rebuilding of the  
fine old collegiate church of St. Paul at  
Macao.

The past year has not, when looked at  
commercially, been a satisfactory one. The  
Russo-Japanese war has not perhaps direct-  
ly interfered much with the ordinary trade  
with China, but it has, generally speaking,  
had a malign and restrictive influence on  
operations, and so far as trade with Japan is  
concerned, has certainly been obstructive.  
Exchange, which last year played such  
tricks with business of all kinds, has this  
year been a less important factor, though  
its uncertainty still serves to impair con-  
fidence and limit operations to the supply of  
current wants. Although it has been far  
from steady, the demand rate fluctuating  
from 1/10 9-16 to 15-16 in January to  
1/8 15-16 in April, rising again to 1/10 7-16  
in August and falling again to 1/9 13-16 in  
September, it has on the whole had a  
hardening tendency, and at time of writing  
it has reached the highest point recorded in  
the year, namely, 1/11 9-16. No faith is,  
however, felt in the permanence of this im-  
provement, and those interested in trade are  
not much inclined to act upon it. Until,  
therefore, a fixed exchange can be secured,  
either with the assistance of the Home Go-  
vernment, or by reason of China determining  
to place her currency on a gold basis, there  
can, we fear, be little chance of any solid  
improvement in trade taking place.  
The Yarn trade during the past year  
has shown a considerable falling off, and  
prices for both English and Bombay spin-  
nings have fluctuated greatly, owing to the  
abnormally high rate ruling for cotton  
during the greater part of the twelve months.  
The import of Indian grey yarn, as com-  
pared with that for 1903, declined some

23 per cent. and sales by nearly 13 per  
cent. respectively. In Cotton Piece goods  
there has been only a very moderate trade,  
and though demand improved after June,  
the slump in cotton has made dealers very  
anxious, and the market closes stagnant.  
The inquiry for Woollen Goods has been  
much restricted by the high rates, and  
though stocks are small, the market  
generally is quiet. A good business has,  
however, been done in blankets, chiefly for  
the north. The market for Metals has not,  
on the whole, been active, the demand for  
pig and bar iron being smaller than last  
year, while the consumption of lead, yellow  
metal and quicksilver also shows a decline,  
but a large business has been done in tin-  
plates at remunerative prices. The Opium  
trade has been characterised by heavy  
fluctuations, and owing to the speculative  
nature of the business it would be difficult  
to say whether it has proved remunerative  
or not. The trade has not been affected  
by the Russo-Japanese war. Prices generally  
have ruled higher than last year. The  
Flour trade, which has for many years  
been growing steadily in importance, has  
during the past year been less satisfactory  
than usual owing to the heavy stocks  
carried over and a considerable falling off  
in consumption. An improvement in de-  
mand has been apparent, however, during  
the latter months of the year. The Coal  
trade has to some extent felt the influence  
of the war; demand has been less brisk  
and prices for Japan varieties have ruled lower  
less bunkering having been done by vessels  
passing through. The price of Cardiff has  
been maintained, but the trade in it has  
been smaller than last year. In Kerosene  
Oil there has not been much increase in the  
volume of the trade done, and the prices  
ruling in 1903 have not been maintained,  
those rates having been upheld through the  
supply being limited. The development of  
other oil fields in the United States and  
consequent augmented production has served  
to bring down rates very considerably, viz.,  
from \$3.20 per case to \$2.80 per case. The  
prospects for the future point to further  
competition, since the Californian oil, which  
is now produced in great abundance, and  
has already reached the North China  
market, will enter the field here as a com-  
petitor during the year 1905. With regard  
to Exports, the trade has, save in one or two  
cases, been barely maintained. Tea has for  
some years been a slowly vanishing quantity,  
and the export of Macao and Canton teas has  
during the year under review shown a fur-  
ther reduction. In Silk the trade has been  
remunerative to exporters, though the  
volume of business was smaller than last  
year, and the losses then made have prob-  
ably been recouped in 1904. Producers,  
however, are said to have found the year an  
unprofitable one. The Sugar trade in 1904  
has been very satisfactory, demand having  
been good from most quarters, and prices,  
owing to the short crop of beet, have ad-  
vanced considerably, yielding good profits to  
the refiners and exporters. In Sundries  
there has, on the whole, been a reduced  
trade, the export of maiting, soy, pre-  
served ginger, and essential oils having  
fallen off from various causes. The  
Freight market, which at the close of  
1903 promised badly, greatly improved  
during the past year. Commencing in  
February, coastwise charters were effected  
at rising rates, which have been fairly  
maintained throughout the year, owing  
principally to demand on Japanese account,  
which has taken a good deal of tonnage off  
the market. A number of steamers  
have also found purchasers, chiefly in  
Japan. For Southern ports the chartering  
has been limited, owing to the high rates  
asked. The Stock market has shown con-  
siderable activity during a great portion of  
the year, and prices of several stocks have  
advanced materially. Heavy settlements for  
December, combined with the tightness of  
money, have latterly brought about some  
reaction, and the market closes much  
weaker, with sellers predominating.

There will be no issue of the *Daily Press* on  
Monday next.

On page 5 will be found an article sent  
us by the author, Mr. C. H. Halcombe, who is  
well known all over China.

Parts XIII and XIV of the *Kobe Chronicle*, the  
illustrated diary of the war have reached us  
through Messrs. W. Brewer & Co. They con-  
tain another excellent lot of photographs, much  
better than the war pictures being published at  
Home.

The hospital steamer *Rohilla-mara*, which  
stranded in the Shimoneseki Strait on the 16th  
Dec., was refloated on the 19th. She under-  
went temporary repairs at Moji and left on  
the 21st under her own steam, for Kobe to be  
docked there.

H.M.S. *Vengeance* left for Mirs Bay  
yesterday.The U.S. cruiser *Cincinnati* arrived from  
Cavite yesterday.The November exports from Nagasaki were  
valued at Yen 409,773, and the imports at Yen  
594,248. The value of the imports exceeded  
that of the exports by Yen 124,475.The Band of the 2nd Royal West Kent  
Regiment will play in the Public Gardens on  
Tuesday next, 3rd January, 1905, from 4  
to 6 p.m.The committee appointed by Governor  
Arakawa to forward the scheme for a new  
Nagasaki Steamship Company, assembled at  
the International Club recently. The *Nagasaki  
Press* says they estimate that Yen 400,000 will  
be required to commence operations, and they  
suggest that, with this sum, two of the re-  
second-hand steamers be purchased in order to  
open a Korean service.P.C. Price charged an American sailor,  
before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court yester-  
day, with behaving in a disorderly manner at  
the City Hall on Thursday night last. The  
constable was taking the sailor to the lock-up,  
when his friend came along and urged him to  
resist. He did. Both defendants appeared  
before His Worship. The friend of the first  
prisoner was fined \$5, and for disorderly conduct  
and resisting the Police the original offender  
was fined \$10.By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and  
officers, the band of the 110th Mahatma Light  
Infantry will play the following selections at  
the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:  
March—"The Firemen"..... Wright  
Selection—"The Gaiety Girl"..... Jones  
Valse—"Beautiful Ferns"..... Halse  
Characteristic Piece—"Christmas Bells"..... Seidel  
Selection—"A Gaiety Girl"..... Jones  
Gaiety—"Wing of Love"..... Meyer  
Song—"God Save the King".....  
Menu: Hors d'oeuvres, Anchovy Canapes,  
Soup—Potage à la Reine, Fish—Salmon on a Gratin,  
Entrée—Stuffed Fillet of Beef à la Jardinière,  
Sweetbread Outlets and Mushrooms, Cabbage  
Farce, Curry—Oyster, Joints, &c.—Roast Ribs  
of Beef, Roast Pheasant and Fowl Sauce, Boiled  
Chicken and Celery Sauce, Cold Sheep's Head  
Brown and Cauliflower Salad, Sweet—Arrow-  
root Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream and Finger  
Cakes, Apple Tart, Topsy Cake, Dessert—  
Coffee, Fruit.

## TO-DAY'S GAMES.

## FOOTBALL.

This (Saturday) afternoon a team represent-  
ing the Press of Hongkong will meet the  
Y.M.C.A. under Association rules, on the  
Victoria Recreation Club Ground, Causeway  
Bay, kindly lent by the Y.R.C. Kick-off at  
4.30 o'clock. The following are the teams:  
Press—G. T. Lloyd, goal; H. M. Bain and  
L. A. J. Lee, backs; T. Clarke, A. Cunningham  
and J. W. Bains, halves; E. A. Snewin, J. L.  
Cotter, J. F. Haynes, T. Rutherford and H. W.  
Strike forwards.

Y.M.C.A.—Rutledge, goal; Hamilton and  
Ellis, backs; Piercy, Ellis, and Le Breton,  
halves; Scott, McCorquodale, Moore, Kemp-  
thorne, and Saunders, forwards.

We believe Mr. Tom Clarke, of the staff  
of our morning contemporary, has been chiefly  
instrumental in arranging this fixture. We  
trust the result will be a pleasant game,  
and, as in duty bound, we hope for the success  
of our conferees. This is a splendid opportunity  
for some players to get even by criticising  
the play of their whilom critics, and no doubt  
we shall be favoured with something of the kind.

## H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "ALBION."

This (Saturday) afternoon the Hongkong  
Football Club will play H.M.S. *Albion* under  
Association Rules—kick-off at 4 p.m. The  
Club team is as follows:—To Come, goal; W.  
G. Leckie and F. Gröne, backs; H. C. Gray,  
F. C. Hall and E. F. Aucott, halves; H. Seth,  
W. B. Elwes, S. O. Elze, J. Clark and H. L.  
Garrett, forwards.

## CRICKET.

## H.C.C.C. v. THE GARRISON.

This annual match will take place on Satur-  
day and Monday, the 31st December and  
2nd January. The following are the teams:  
H.C.C.C.—Col. Moss, 114th Mhs.  
Lt. Ayr, 114th Mhs.  
Major Pedley, R.W.K.R.  
Capt. Josin, R.W.K.R.  
Lt. Graham, R.W.K.R.  
Capt. Smith, A.D.C.R.  
Lt. Lumden, R.A.  
H. Henth, 110th Mhs.  
Lt. Dorn, A.S.C.  
Lt. Rankin, B.A.M.C.  
Capt. Davies, A.O.D.

## CRAIGENOWER C.C. v. R.E.

This League match will take place this after-  
noon on the ground of the former club, com-  
mencing at 2.15 p.m. The Craigenower team  
will be:—L. E. Lamont, M. E. Anger, A.  
O. Brown, J. D. Kinnaird, L. A. Rose, E.  
S. Ford, R. Bass, J. L. Stuart, J. P. Jordan,  
Alonso Castro, and E. Roza.

## H.K.C.C. "A" v. E.A.M.C.

The following will play for the Hongkong  
C.C. Reserves v. the E.A.M.C. on the Happy  
Valley at 2 p.m. to-day:—Messrs. A.  
McKenzie, E. A. Fowler, C. H. Fal-  
loon, V. de Paris, A. Oliver, O. C. Olliffe,  
A. Cantrell, F. T. Gibson, C. F. Wilson, R. R.  
Holley, and A. C. Butt (capt.).

## LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League table up to  
date:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
H.C.C.	10	8	1	1	25
A.C.C.	7	5	2	0	15
Kowloon	8	4	2	2	14
H.K.P.	9	4	3	2	12
R.E.	8	3	3	2	12
R.G.A. 83rd Co.	7	3	2	2	11
Craigenower	7	3	3	1	10
Civil Service	9	2	5	2	8
H.K.C.C. "A"	4	1	0	3	6
E.A.M.C.	10	2	8	0	6
Parsees	5	0	5	0	0

## TELEGRAMS.

## GENERAL NEWS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

## RE-ARMING THE ARMY.

LONDON, 30th December.

Following my recent telegram referring  
to the condemnation of our obsolete artillery  
the British Government has ordered  
sufficient eighteen-and-a-half-pounders to  
re-arm the whole army. The order is to be  
completely filled within two years. The  
cost is £2,500,000.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

BRITISH NAVAL BASE IN THE  
NORTH SEA.

LONDON, 28th December.

It is reported that the idea of a naval base at  
the Firth of Forth has been shelved, Admiral  
Sir John Fisher desiring to devote all the  
money available to the construction of new  
ships.

## RUSSIA.

LONDON, 28th December.

The assemblage at the Pavloff Hall was  
widely representative; it was called a banquet  
to evade the prohibition against meetings and  
was only concluded at 2.30 a.m. The speeches  
were the most fervid; a resolution denounced the  
war and demanded a legislature, elected by  
means of the ballot. The President and fifty  
members of the Chernigov Zemstvo have resign-  
ed in consequence of a Communiqué; the branch  
therefore has been dissolved. Prince Galitzine  
and the Mayor of Moscow have resigned.  
These and other incidents indicate the growing  
ferment.

The recent Decree of the Tsar is so worded  
that it is variously regarded as conceding much  
and as conceding nothing beyond vague prom-  
ises; meanwhile the unqualified language of  
the Government Communiqué causes deep  
disappointment to the Reformers. The Moscow  
Zemstvo has adjourned indefinitely after adopt-  
ing a resolution declaring that the Delegates  
are so concerned at yesterday's Communiqué  
that they are unable to conduct the business of  
the branch with the necessary calm.

## LATER.

The St. Petersburg Municipality has resolved  
to petition for the convening of a Congress of  
the representatives of the Municipalities of  
Russia.

## BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE.

LONDON, 29th December.

General Slade starts to-day for Yokohama.

NEW ARTILLERY FOR THE  
BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, 29th December.

The War Office has placed orders with  
Armstrongs and Vickers-Maxims for new 18  
1/2 pounder field guns, sufficient to supply the  
whole army.

## THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

## TOGO TO TOKYO.

Kobe, 30th December.

Admirals Togo, Kamimura, Shimamura,  
and other officers arrived to-night on their  
way to Tokyo. They had a tremendous  
ovation.

## TO RECALL THE BALTIC ARMADA.

LONDON, 30th December.

There is a growing demand in Russia for  
the recall of the Baltic Fleet. Reform  
agitation is growing.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

## BOOTY AT URLUNGSHAN.

Tokyo, 30th December.

The Port Arthur army reports that the  
occupation of Urlungshan fort was com-  
pletely assured on the night of the 28th.

The booty included, among other things,  
four large calibre guns, seven small calibre  
guns, thirty 37-millimetre guns, and two  
machine guns.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

## RUSSIA.

LONDON, 28th December.

A banquet of 1,000 people has been given  
at Pavloff Hall, St. Petersburg, to protest  
against the war; the day chosen was the  
anniversary of the revolution of 1825. The  
speakers, who declared that the restoration  
of peace was hopeless so long as Russia had  
no constitution, were vociferously applauded.  
A meeting of Zemstvos in the province of  
Moscow became a very excited one, and  
caused demonstrations in the streets, where  
thousands who were unable to obtain ad-  
mission cheered noisily.

## THE NEUTRALITY OF HOLLAND.

LONDON, 28th December.

It is pointed out at The Hague that the  
neutrality of Sabang will be maintained by  
two battleships, two armoured cruisers, a  
gunboat and four destroyers which are now

there, while three other battleships are now  
in the archipelago and two more warships  
are leaving Holland as a reinforcement.

## THE NORTH SEA ENQUIRY.

LONDON, 29th December.

Admiral Kasmakoff, the Russian repre-  
sentative on the North Sea enquiry tribunal,  
is returning to Russia and Vice-Admiral  
Dubassoff has been appointed in his place.  
No reason for the change is stated.

ADMIRAL SKRYDLOFF RETURNING  
TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, 29th December.

Admiral Skrydloff is returning to Russia  
from Vladivostok.

## A LEADER OF CHINESE BRIGANDS.

APPLICATION FOR EXTRADITION.

At the Police Court yesterday afternoon,  
before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Chief Detective  
Inspector Hanson applied, on behalf of the  
Chinese Government, for the extradition of Ko  
Ah Ying, who is alleged to have committed the  
crime of armed robbery within the jurisdiction  
of China. Mr. Hanson stated that on the  
28th November the prisoner was given in  
charge by Indian constable No. 523. The  
people who gave him into custody were from  
Kwang Ning. Witnesses from this city  
have arrived here since the arrest and will give  
evidence to the effect that on the 28th Septem-  
ber last a large number of armed men invested  
the district city of Kwang Ning. Three of  
these witnesses belong to a pawnshop outside  
the city gates, which was broken into. The  
robbers stole a considerable amount of money  
and goods. As some of the witnesses know the  
prisoner, he was not identified in the orthodox  
way in the gaol. The pawnshop was set fire to  
when there were about 50 robbers inside, who  
were armed with knives, muskets, etc. When  
the alarm was given they all ran out, and  
the shop was burnt down.

Leung Sun Tong, the first witness, said:—I am  
master of the Yeung Ching pawnshop at Kwang  
Ning City, in the province of Kwang  
Tung. On the 28th September an attack was  
made upon the city by a band of robbers. I  
heard the report of firearms, and in consequence  
closed the doors of the shop. Five of my folks  
took fright and ran away. My partner, myself,  
and a watchman remained in the shop. At 12  
noon that day the pawnshop was attacked.  
A rumbling noise was heard, and also the report  
of firearms. I was on the ground floor. Our  
front door was broken in and I ran up to the  
first floor. Fifty or sixty armed men then  
rushed in, some carrying firearms and some  
swords. The prisoner was amongst them. He  
held a revolver in his hand. "He caught hold of  
me and asked where my money was. I said,  
"In the safe." The defendant demanded the  
key, at the same time striking me over the  
shoulders with a revolver. I gave him the  
key. He took 4,300 taels from the safe.  
He also took from my wrist a jade-stone  
bangle. The other robbers helped themselves  
to goods in the shop and then set fire to it.  
The shop was burnt down. I then went to my  
family house, which is some distance from the  
city, and did not return for some days because  
the robbers had besieged the city, and were  
plundering the outside villages. It was not till  
the arrival of the Government troops that the  
robbers could be driven away. Besides the  
money I lost, clothing to the value of 28,000  
taels was either looted or burnt. I also lost  
3,900 taels' worth of jewellery. I reported the  
matter to the district Magistrate on the 4th  
October. I am quite sure defendant is the man  
who held me up. The Kwang Ning City is  
five days' journey from Canton.

Kwong Ying Ting, a partner of the last  
witness in the pawnshop, corroborated the  
evidence of Leung Sun Tong. Other witnesses  
identified the prisoner, and His Worship  
remanded the case until to-day.

Sanitary Inspector L. E. Brett has been ap-  
pointed Senior Inspector in charge of the  
Eastern District. Senior Inspector Lyons has  
been transferred from thence to Kowloon.

Mr. W. J. Lewington has been enrolled as a  
member of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.  
He is to be assigned to Corps No. 825, and  
posted to No. 8 F. division left half No. 1  
Artillery Company.

The inquiry in connection with the recent  
fire in a godown at Des Vaux Road came on  
for hearing before Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts at  
the Magistracy yesterday. On the application  
of the Magistrate Collett the release of the premises  
was further deferred for a week.

We are glad to welcome the well-known  
"Imperial English and Chinese Diary and  
Almanac," which Messrs. Kelly & Walsh have  
published for nineteen years. All the usual  
excellent features are included in No. 1 size for  
1905.

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday morning  
a fire broke out in a shop at No. 16, Wing Kut  
Street. The brigade were quickly on the  
scene, but the fire had such a hold that by the  
time it was got under, practically nothing was  
saved. The building and goods were insured to  
the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain at Rugby grew  
eloquent on the alleged wickedness of the  
Opposition in not being willing to help exclude  
from "our own land" criminal aliens who come  
to compete with our own people and to  
take the bread out of their mouths. "The  
*Westminster Gazette* asks: Did he really im-  
agine he was addressing an audience of burglars,  
thus depriving of their chance of making an  
honest living?"



## THE TRADE OF HONGKONG FOR 1904.

The following summary of the trade of Hongkong for the past year will, it is hoped, prove interesting to our readers. It has been carefully compiled, and the facts have been gleaned from the most reliable sources.

**English Yarns.**—In 1904, there has been but a small business, price being too high. Japanese and Bombay Yarns to a great extent taking their place. In 1903, a very small business was done. 4% were in more demand this year, with delivery running well into next year; dealers' commitments were rather heavy at high prices. Spinners apparently being well engaged, are now asking late shipment as a rule.

**Bombay Yarns.**—The trade in Indian grey yarn during the year has shown a marked decline, as will be seen by the arrivals and sales given below:

Arrivals.	Sales.
In 1903—263,850 bales.	170,485 bales.
1904—224,820 bales.	147,510 bales.

**Decrease.**—169,030 bales, 22,966 bales.

This shows a decrease of 23 1/2 per cent. on imports and nearly 13 1/2 per cent. on sales respectively. This shrinkage was chiefly due to the abnormally high prices of both cotton and yarn consequent on scarcity of raw material and the manipulations of the American market. Prices steadily advanced, with a few occasional falls, throughout the year. Five of the Bombay mills were closed during a great part of the year, but some improvement has set in lately, and most of the mills have secured favourable contracts as far ahead as July-August next to the tune of 20,000 bales for the China markets and are now working full time.

The local cotton yarn mill suffered with the rest during 1904, but with a better supply of raw material at lower prices is increasing its production.

**Japanese Yarns.**—Owing to the warlike business has fallen off considerably, production on being curtailed, and high prices asked. On the dealers' side the result of their transactions in Yarns generally is the admission "small chance."

**Imports.**—The trade in opium during 1904 was characterised by heavy fluctuations, and owing to the speculative nature of the business it is impossible to say how far it was remunerative to importers. For the Chinese dealers, however, the results have not been favourable. The trade was unaffected by the war in the North. Prices for Bengal drug fluctuated with exchange, but on the whole ruled higher than in 1903, and demand showed no falling off. Malwa was in somewhat less inquiry, and that for Persian showed a heavy decline. The following table of Imports and Exports, from January to November, 1903 and 1904, shows the course of the trade:

Imports.	Exports.
Malwa, Persia, Bengal, Persian, etc.	Opium, etc.
1903—5,679,223,545, 6,521,119, 10,403,415, 1904—5,993,20,661, 9,384, 4,558, 35, 111,422,251	1903—8,001,22,257, 8,712, 1,082, 29, 46,061, 1904—7,691,19,239, 8,635, 4,517, 7, 34-39,702

## COTTON GOODS.

In the first few months of the year the business done was very moderate, but matters improved considerably about June, and fair quantities of goods have changed hands since. The slump in cotton, however, has made dealers very anxious, and grave fears are now held for the losses that may have to be faced on the purchases coming forward. Enquiry from the country is practically nil at present. If Cotton had remained in the region of say 5 1/2 to 6, there would have been a good business passing at the present time, instead of stagnation. Shanghai and Japan have taken off considerable quantities of Drills and Heavy Goods during the last few months, and this has assisted matters somewhat, fair prices being realized. The trade in Mexican is declining every year, as the natives manufacture similar goods themselves from Bombay and Japanese Yarns.

**Fabrics.**—Fairly heavy stocks are held by dealers of high priced cargo, and until these go into consumption business is likely to be curtailed, particularly under the present conditions of this market. Arbitration for claims seems to be the order of the day, often, it must be said, on account of the wilful or otherwise inattention to details of contracts on the part of suppliers & or shippers. In good times many of these claims might not have been made, but it is only natural that dealers should try and cut losses when an opportunity is afforded them.

**Woolens.**—Prices have been too high, so consumption has fallen off, and Cotton goods are taking their place to a great extent. Stocks are small, but notwithstanding this the market is in a bad way. The Japanese appear to be supplying Formosa now with Camlets, Lastings, etc. There has been a very good business done in blankets, however, chiefly for the North for war purposes doubtless.

## METALS.

**Pig Iron.**—Imports have shown a reduction owing to the troubles in the North, and prices have ruled weak nearly all the year until recently.

**Bar Iron & Nail Rods.**—The business done shows no increase on that of last year, and has apparently been transacted with little profit to dealers, except perhaps at the beginning of the year.

**Tin Plates.**—A large business has been transacted possibly 50 per cent. more than last year, and good profits have resulted towards the end of the year. Japan has been a good customer lately.

**Lead.**—The consumption has fallen off and prices gradually declined during the best part of the year, but the market is stronger at present.

**Yellow Metal.**—Imports of this have been reduced by about 50 per cent., but otherwise the business done has been more or less satisfactory; prices have advanced recently.

## ZINC SHEETS.

A moderate business only has been current, but of a more or less satisfactory character.

## WIRE NETS.

A fair increase over last year, and pretty good profits have as a rule resulted.

**Quicksilver.**—Demand has fallen off considerably, at least 25 per cent.—owing to importation of Vermilion, and prices have gradually declined with exception of a small spurt, which did not last long.

**Window Glass.**—The Import shows an appreciable reduction, partly owing to strikes at home, but fair results on business are admitted.

**Old & Waste Metals.**—The consumption has exhibited a considerable decrease, owing to Northern troubles. The war has helped trade in some respects, but has hindered in others.

## COAL.

With regard to Japanese Coal, supplies have been more than ample, and prices have consequently weakened. Many firms laid in stocks, naturally anticipating difficulty in getting supplies on account of the war, a conclusion that proved erroneous, and less bunkering has been done than usual by vessels passing through. The price of Cardiff Coal has been maintained at \$17.18 ex ship, but the trade in this quality has been more limited this year. Hongkong as a smokeless coal is in greater requisition for industrial purposes.

## KEROSENE OIL.

The trade in this staple has shown no great development during the past year, but it has been well maintained, as will be seen by the following table of deliveries:

	1903	1904
American	2,520,000 cases	2,600,000 cases
Russian	30,000	200,000
Borneo	1,220,000	9,000
Sumatra	1,210,000	1,300,000
Langkat	260,000	280,000
Burmah	100,000	100,000

5,240,000 cases 5,430,000 cases.

## The average prices paid were:

	1903	1904
American	\$3.20 per case	\$2.60 per case
Russian	2.95	2.42
Borneo	2.95	2.20
Sumatra	2.95	2.20
Langkat	2.70	2.10
Burmah	2.70	1.10

The Burmah oil made its first appearance on this market during 1904, and, being of a rather poor quality, has not so far made much progress. A great reduction has it will be seen, taken place in prices all round as compared with those ruling in 1903, when there was a short supply. Now with the opening of the California and Texas oil fields there is a much larger production, and consequent greater competition, which is likely to be keener in the coming year, inasmuch as the Californian oil, already being imported into North China, will also be brought into this market. It is worthy of note that last year's production of oil in California was greater than that of any State in the Union. Very little Russian oil now comes into the Hongkong market.

## RICE.

Prices dropped 5c. in the first quarter, and have remained fairly steady since, but the business has been somewhat curtailed. Stocks of Siam Rice are light, and Saigon rice, owing to floods in that district.

## FLOUR.

This year commenced badly owing to high prices on the Pacific Coast, and heavy stocks locally, and a great falling off in demand generally. The latter part of the year has, however, seen an improvement. Stocks have lightened for Portland Flour, but stocks of Californian Flour are rather heavy; consumption slow.

The following table shows the comparative imports for the past ten years:

	California, Oregon & Wash. Total
July 1897 to July 1898	1,381,331 2,215,751 = 3,312,141
1898	899,169,210 3,5-246 = 4,742,356
1899	1,900,245,356 3,167,791 = 5,347,146
1900	1,794,310 4,863,391 = 6,647,930
1901	2,348,603 3,37,645 = 5,907,248
1902	2,214,305 3,120,342 = 5,344,737
1903	2,008,635 2,456,864 = 4,464,899
July 19 4 to 18 Dec. 1904	932,000 1,050,000 = 1,982,000

Although from these returns there is an apparent falling off in the imports, there has been none in the local consumption, as most of the large supplies for Vladivostok, Chefoo and Newchwang, formerly all transhipped hence to those ports, have latterly gone direct.

## SILK.

Exporters' losses last season are likely to be made up this, but producers have not made money owing to the poor condition of the silkworms. The volume of trade has been smaller than in 1903, but higher prices generally have been realised.

## TEA.

This export has of late years become more or less a negligible quantity here, and the decline in volume has been continued in 1904, the estimated total export of Macao and Canton Teas for this season being 1,250,000 lbs. as compared with some 1,437,000 lbs. in 1903.

## SUGAR.

This industry has done well throughout the year. Owing to the shortage in the Beet crop, prices of all grades of Cane Sugar have advanced, and the local refineries have been working full time, earning large profits.

## PRESERVED GINGER.

The high price of sugar has adversely affected producers, but competition has kept prices steady all the same. Exports have fallen off considerably.

## SOY.

Exports have been reduced, owing to the lack of demand abroad.

## MATTING.

The demand for Chinese matting is steadily falling off, owing to the superiority of the Japanese manufacture.

## ESSENTIAL OILS.

Exports during the past year have decreased, prices being too high owing to the difficulty of getting supplies from Kwangsi.

## MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON.

Considerable improvements are proceeding in Canton, which city is beginning to show signs of commercial development. Wharves and godowns are being built on the Honam and Fati sides, and preparation made for direct trading. The channel of the river is being improved, and the Shamone Municipality is altering the drainage system to open surface drains at a cost of \$30,000.

## TONNAGE.

The year 1903 closed with low rates of freight, only 7 to 8 cents per picul offering for Saigon, but a marked improvement took place early in 1904. During February the demand for Tonnage increased at rising rates coastwise and especially for time charters, principally for Japanese account. During the months of May and June rates weakened somewhat, and the decline continued up to the end of July, when it again strengthened, and the improvement has continued to the present. The principal feature in Freight during the past year has been the large number of settlements, of steamers on time charters on what may be taken as good paying rates for owners. The bulk of these settlements were for the North, and on Japanese account. A number of steamers have also found purchasers, mostly in Japan such vessels being usually from fifteen to twenty years old. In the South the chartering on time has been very limited, owing to the high rates obtainable in the North, and the removal hence of much of the Tonnage generally available. The closing rates for Saigon are from 15 to 17 cents per picul.

## THE CONDITION OF THE CANTON DELTA.

Armed robbery and blackmailing is rampant in the Canton delta, etc. and this not only affects the travelling—for all that can afford to do so have brought their families to Canton, Macao and Hongkong—but the risks attendant on transport of goods is so great, that trade is partially paralysed thereby. Many rich and influential men, including Hongkong dealers etc. have been held up for heavy ransom, and threatened with death if this is not paid. This state of affairs is disgraceful at this time of day, more especially as the delta and West River districts are being so much opened up by steam traffic, but Chinese official apathy is well known, and the efforts made to repress piracy are singularly ineffective. The present Viceroy apparently has his hands full with rebels in Kwangsi, and another stern and forceful character like Li Hung-chang is wanted to bring order to these districts. His administration in Canton was short, but more or less a reign of terror to evildoers, especially these piratical gentry who now carry on their occupation with so much impunity. Cannot the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce take up this matter seriously, and urge on the authorities the desirability of British gunboats with Chinese officials on board being allowed to patrol the waterways again, dealing out summary punishment to robbers and criminals caught red handed. A general police service, with Indian constables under the control of the Imperial Maritime Customs, who already employ Indians for frontier patrol work, would help matters very materially.

## GARRISON ORDERS.

## HEAD QUARTERS

HONGKONG, 30th December, 1904.

**Detail.**—No. 1. Detail of officers for the ensuing week:—(a) Prison Visitor Major S. H. Pedley, 2nd Royal West Kent Regt; (b) Field Officer of the week, Capt. C. M. F. Watkins, Royal Engineers; next for duty, Capt. E. C. L. Fitzwilliams, Army Service Corps; (c) Subaltern Officer of the week, an officer, Royal Garrison Artillery; next for duty, an officer 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. Kowloon, (a) Field Officer of the week, Capt. H. C. Steen, 114th Mahrattas; next for duty, Major J. H. Ransom, 114th Mahrattas; (b) Subaltern Officer of the week, an officer, 114th Mahrattas; next for duty, an officer, 93rd Burma Infantry.

## Divine Service.

No. 2. Divine Service will be conducted on Sunday as follows:—

Denomination	Troops where held	Hour	To Officiate
Ch. of Victoria	Cathedral	8.30 a.m.	Chaplain
Ch. of England	The Under Barracks	11.15 a.m.	Chaplain
Ch. of St. George	St. George's	4 p.m.	Chaplain
Presby. Victoria	Church	11 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Wesleyan Victoria	Church	10.15 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Roman Catholic	St. Joseph's	9 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Roman Catholic	Kowloon	7.30 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.

Launch will leave A.S.C. Pier for Stonecutters at 10.15 a.m. Escorts as under will be furnished by the 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. to conduct prisoners to church, Church of England, 8 N.C.O. 1 Man 1.15 a.m.

## GENERAL ORDERS—Departures.

No. 209. The undermentioned officers left on the 29th instant per s.s. Java for Shanghai en route to Tientsin for duty:—2nd Grenadier Guards, Lieut. Lord B. C. Gordon-Lennox, 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Lieut. R. N. Phillips; 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, Lieut. E. H. Norman and Lieut. A. H. Fullman.

## By Order.

A. A. CHICHESTER, Major, Chief Staff Officer.

## BIG FIRE AT CANTON YESTERDAY.

We were informed just as we were going to press this morning, that there was a big conflagration at Canton yesterday, on the Honam side. "About three hundred" native dwellings, mostly makeshifts, were said to have blazed away. The fire started early in the forenoon, and our informant states that at three o'clock, when he left, it was still burning. Our Canton correspondent has sent nothing.

## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 30th December.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUISNE JUDGE).

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK v. THE WUI SHING HING BANK.

The hearing of this action was continued. The plaintiffs alleged that they had suffered damage by reason of a breach by the defendants of a contract dated the 4th October, 1904, made between the plaintiffs and the defendants, whereby the defendants agreed to purchase from the plaintiffs a sailing draft on London, payable on demand for the sum of £2,000 sterling at exchange 1s. 9d., and which said contract was to complete their purchase on the 30th November, 1904, and the plaintiffs had suffered damages to the extent of \$785.85 by the defendants' breach of their contract.

As before, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. J. Gedge (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff bank; and Mr. N. Ferrers, instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Mr. G. K. H. Brutton's office), for the defendant bank.

Mr. H. Figgis, manager of the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, deposed: An effort to compromise reached my hearing on the 3rd December. I saw three strange men inside the bank, and one of them was brought to me by the Comptroller. £1,600 was offered in settlement of this and other matters between our bank and the defendant bank. I refused.

Cross-examined—The Comptroller does not business which is not referred to me; he vouchers for the Chinese whom he introduces. In my private book Chinese customers may be mentioned merely as Chinese, but in the other books it is different. Should there be any loss in this matter it would fall on the Comptroller. I do not know how they (the Chinese) would manage in such a case. For all I know they might divide the loss among themselves. The demand draft was not an actual draft; I have to sell it later. An original draft was not in existence, but I had to draw one later to cover myself. If the defendants had paid the \$785.84 I should not have had to draw a fresh draft to cover myself. Say, for instance, that I sell to any man £1,600; this £1,000 I buy, if possible, at once. If I failed to do so I should be speculating on exchange. I buy this thing and if it is not taken up I have to sell again to cover my purchase. The original draft was not drawn because it was not taken up, but two others were. A draft cannot be drawn till the demand draft is due.

Mr. Ferrers—If these two are taken up in January no demand draft will have to be drawn.

Witness—I have to cover myself. If he pays the difference he comes to me and offers that I should buy what I have sold to him, and I have to sell to some one else—against this I have to sell some man sterling.

Mr. Ferrers—All this is fictitious!

Mr. Figgis—It is not fictitious.

Witness—They will be drawn to someone else, but not to him.

Mr. Ferrers—Is it not true that you would not do anything, but just take the difference. Is not all this something nothing?

Witness—No. I have to cover myself. There is nothing more as far as the bank is concerned, but there is as far as the bank is concerned.

Mr. Ferrers—Would it not be possible to do as I say?

Witness—Yes, but if I did so I am afraid I would be dismissed to-morrow.

Mr. Ferrers—He would have made profit if exchange had gone down?

Witness—It all depends what he did with the money; he might have bought goods which had gone home.

Mr. Ferrers—You must admit this; we will get no further if you do not (laugh).

Witness—There are, of course, speculations in exchange at Hongkong. If a man has no other business in connection with a transaction like this it is speculation in exchange—dealing in differences. I object to deal in differences.

Mr. Ferrers—I suppose it is done outside?

Witness—I would not like to give an opinion on other people's business.

Re-examined—I did actually sell to cover myself; I had sold to him originally £2,000, and had to buy a similar amount. Some assets of the bank are kept in sterling, and some in dollars. These transactions have to be kept equally balanced, as much as possible, each day I may be a few days overdue, but I have to balance each day if possible.

Further evidence was led, and the case adjourned.

## THE HO FAT KEE v. LI KAN TAI.

The hearing of this action came on for the third time. The plaintiff claimed \$100 plus \$105.50; \$10 being costs and \$95.50 expenses on account of a bailiff. Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of contractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's Road East.

The defendant, a junk owner whose junk is under arrest, was represented by Mr. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office). The plaintiff alleged that the money had been lent by him to the defendant.

At the previous hearing the defendant said he had paid the money to Ho Fat, a partner in the Ho Fat Kee shop, and a witness for the defence said he had seen Ho Fat at a quarter to two that afternoon, just outside the Supreme Court, but instead of waiting to give evidence, he had gone off in a rickshaw with the plaintiff.

Ho Fat appeared in Court and gave evidence. He said that he was one of the partners in the Ho Fat Kee, he had been repaid the money in question, and the receipt produced by the defendant was a true one. On the previous occasion he had come to the Court to give evidence, when he met the plaintiff, who managed the business. The plaintiff told him to go to the shop, saying that the matter before the Court did not concern him—it was a matter between Mr. Seung Yung and Li Kan Tai, the defendant. The plaintiff then took him to Mr. Thomson's office, where he was detained. They said the police wanted to arrest him, and he was shored into a closet.

His Honour asked the plaintiff to show rea on why he should not be sent to prison for wilful perjury.

The plaintiff said that Ho Fat was not a partner, and there was no proof that he had received the money.

His Honour sentenced the man to six weeks' hard labour, and gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

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## KOWLOON DOCK DANCE.

The Staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. last evening gave their annual dance at the Kowloon Docks. About three hundred altogether were present. The officers for the occasion were as follows:—

Honorary President—Mr. John Lambert;

President—Mr. T. Neave; Committee—Messrs. Kinross, Taylor, Wynne, Davison, Baxter, Parkes and Purves; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. M. Stewart; Assistant Hon. Secretary—Mr. R. Lapsley.

Included among those who accepted invitations were—Mr. W. B. Dixon (Chief Manager of the Company) and party, the Hon. Mr. R. Sheehan, Mr. W. Ramsay (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) and Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. H. P. and Mrs. Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Newman Mumford (Lloyds Surveyor), Mr. A. G. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Donald Macdonald (of Messrs. Macdonald and Co.), Mr. F. H. Ollis (the Naval Yard Extension), Dr. and Mrs. Swan, Mr. E. O. Murphy (Messrs. Bailey and Murphy), Mr. T. Skinner (Messrs. Dodwell and Co.) and Mrs. Skinner, Mr. Focken (the Norddeutscher Lloyd) and Mrs. Focken, Capt. and Mrs. Goddard and Mr. E. C. Wilks (Messrs. Wilks and Co.).

The ball room—the largest in the Colony—was in beautiful condition and the decorations were very pretty. Above the music platform, where the band of the Royal West Kent Regiment played the dance music, was the inscription "Best wishes for 1905"; elsewhere the figures "1904" stood out in electric light. The walls were decorated with bunting, with a base of bright red cloth to set off the pale colours. Other rooms were also decorated with flags. The most attractive piece of work in connection with the supper room—the Dock reading and billiard room—was a large Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. flag in electric light, red, white and blue bulbs being used. The card room and bar were arranged as last year. The reception room at the entrance showed much colour.

Visitors were brought to and from Hongkong in Dock Company launches. Dancing commenced at half past eight and was kept up till morning. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Messrs. Neave and Kinross. There were five waltzes and five lancers on the programme, other dances being Circassian circle, two barn dances, two Caledonians, two Eightsome reels, the Highland schottische, quadrille, schottische and two step. Supper was at eleven o'clock. The hall, in every respect, was an enjoyable one.

## SPORTING NOTES.

There is a movement on foot to send a cricket eleven to Swatow during the Chinese New Year holidays. China New Year falls on the 4th February.

There is also talk of sending an Association football team to Shanghai. The H.K.F.C. propose to erect a respectable pavilion to replace the present makeshift at Happy Valley. Baths and adequate dressing rooms could then be provided.

Members of the Corinthian Yacht Club will meet in Thursday next to consider rules drawn up for the Club. The season's races will also be arranged. There are now five "one designers" in the Club.

At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the semi-final for the Neish Cup were won by Mr. W. Deas (who beat Mr. W. Ramsay and Mr. J. Haxton who Mr. G. Edwards). The final will played off on Monday afternoon. For the Taylor Bowls Mr. J. Gow beat Mr. G. Baxter.

## SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

COMMANDER OF H.M.S. "WHITING" SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Early yesterday morning Lieutenant Commander E. F. Jellicoe, of the torpedo boat destroyer *Whiting*, was found lying in his cabin with a bullet wound in the head. A weapon was lying beside him, one of the chambers of which was discharged, and all indications point to a case of suicide. The body was removed to the Naval Mortuary, and an inquiry was held at three o'clock in the afternoon on board H.M.S. *Thetis*. The enquiry was, as usual, held in camera.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Friday, 30th December.

BEFORE HON. CAPT. L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE (MARINE MAGISTRATE).



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after TUESDAY, the 3rd January, 1905, the SUPPLY of WATER will be TURNED ON in the Public Mains in the Peak District during the following hours only:

Peak District.

From Peak to Victoria Gap, from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

From Victoria to District bounded by Plantation Road, from 7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

In Mount Gough District, from 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.

In Mount Kellett District, from 9.15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In Barker Road, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

In Magazine Gap District, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

P. N. H. JONES,  
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [3027]

## NOTICE.

THE Proprietor begs to Notify the Public that any Claims against the VICTORIA HAIR DRESSING SALOON must be sent in to J. I. TAVARES, 28, Morrison Bill Road.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3028]

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Wing Lok, 31st December, 1904. [3029]

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3030]

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THE COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 31st instant, will be for SPOONS, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges: 200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3031]

## NOTICE.

A MEETING of the KOWLOON PIGEON CLUB will be held at the KOWLOON HOTEL at 9 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 4th January, 1905. All interested in Pigeons are invited.

It is proposed to have a Show of Pigeons on the next Chinese New Year's Day. Particulars will be published after the meeting.

R. H. DAVID,  
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon Hotel,  
30th December, 1905. [3032]

IN THE MATTER OF THE OLIVE'S FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

## IN LIQUIDATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after SATURDAY, 7th January, 1905, the Liquidator is prepared to distribute a first and final dividend of THIRTEEN CENTS per share to those shareholders who apply for same and deposit their share certificates at the Office of the undersigned, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Hongkong.

A. R. LOWE,  
Liquidator.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3033]

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUEEN'S MINES, LIMITED.

## IN LIQUIDATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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A. R. LOWE,  
Liquidator.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3033]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3034]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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in  
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DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE  
TO-DAY.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904.

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DAILY PRESS OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1904.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND  
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THE Bucknall Line Steamship  
"BUGENTAUR,"  
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3035]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
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THE Company's Steamship  
"HAIMUN,"  
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above  
ports on WEDNESDAY, the 4th January, at  
NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [3036]

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government Notification  
No. 358, the EXCHANGE BANKS will  
be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public  
Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the  
2nd and 3rd January, 1905.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3012]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF  
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## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will  
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By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [3019]

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Swatow, 8th June, 1904. [216]

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China Association Dinner.  
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Corea's Hard Case.  
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The Apostle Thomas in India.  
A Tax on Mandarins.

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K.C.M.G.,  
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C.B.

Commodore C. G. DICKEN, R.N.,  
will be held on FEBRUARY 11th, 1905, and  
will include the following Races:—

1. THE GOVERNOR'S CUP: A Challenge  
Cup presented by H.E. The Governor, for  
four crews, limited to residents of Hong-  
kong. Each crew to be drawn from a  
single unit, defined as: A Regiment, a  
Ship, a Corps, the Volunteers, a Firm, or  
any body of gentlemen working together  
in the same profession or calling. If any  
one unit is not strong enough to provide a  
complete crew, then any combination of two  
similar units may be made. A Club whose  
object is rowing simply is not eligible to  
compete. Entrance fee, \$10.

2. OPEN FOURS: The crews will be  
made up by the Committee from the  
entries received. Limited to Hongkong.  
Entrance fee, \$10.

3. OPEN PAIRS: Entrance fee, \$5.  
4. PAIRS: Entrance fee, \$5.

5. OPEN TUB FOULS: Entrance fee, \$2.50.  
6. MEN-O-WAR GIGS AND WHALES:  
Entrance fee, \$1. Post entries allowed.

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\$1. Post entries allowed.

8. MEN-O-WAR CUTTERS: Entrance fee,  
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arrange a course off Wanhsai.

Boats to be approved by the Committee. By  
kind permission of the V.R.C. and the  
H.K.B.C., boats will be provided for the first  
6 races (in training and at the meeting) on ap-  
plication by intending competitors to the Com-  
mittee.

Invitations have been sent to other Boat  
Clubs in the Far East to compete in the Open  
Races.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 1st,  
1905, and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary,  
Central Station. The Committee is constitu-  
ed as follows: Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E., Chair-  
man; Messrs. E. W. Mitchell, A. Chapman,  
G. A. Caldwell, O. H. Gile, F. W. Warre, and  
H. F. Chard, Hon. Treasurer.

E. R. HALLIFAX,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [2987]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE date of the Closing of Entries for the  
FORTHCOMING RACE MEETING  
is POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the  
14th JANUARY, 1905.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [3018]

AT THE CATHOLIC UNION,  
GLENEALY.

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Tickets can be had at the above address, where  
the plans of seats are on view.  
Seats Booked for the 2nd prox. are cancelled.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2953]

A. LING & CO.,  
FURNITURE STORE.

PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY  
WARE, &c., &c.; and FOCHO W  
LACQUERED WARE.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [2276]

AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction,  
TO-DAY (SATURDAY),  
the 31st DECEMBER, 1904, at 11.30 a.m., at his  
SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET,

A QUANTITY OF  
ENGLISH BOOTS AND SHOES,  
Comprising:—  
BROWN KID, BROWN GLACE, BLACK  
BOX CALF, BLACK CALF, BLACK KID,  
BLACK GLACE, &c., &c.

A Quantity of MESS GEAR OF H.M.S.  
BRAMBLE and BRITOMART, comprising:  
ELECTRO-WARE, KITCHEN UTEN-  
SILS, TABLE LINEN, &c., &c.

On View from Friday, the 30th December.  
TERMS:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3015]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

WO SHUN STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the Wo Shun Steamboat  
Company, Limited, will be held at the  
REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company,  
No. 138, Connaught Road Victoria, Hongkong,  
on MONDAY, the 9th day of January, 1905, at  
2 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined  
resolution which was passed at the Extra-  
ordinary General Meeting held on the 22nd day  
of December, 1904, will be submitted for  
confirmation as a special resolution.

RESOLUTION.  
That the capital of the Company be increased  
to \$140,000 by the creation of 800 new shares  
of \$100 each.

By Order of the Board,  
HUNG HING CHUN,  
Manager.

Dated 30th December 1904. [3023]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a  
Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made  
in respect of all Shares not fully paid up,  
and that such call is Payable on 3rd January, 1905,  
at the Registered Office of the Company,  
Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hong-  
kong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG STATION.

REFERRING to the Company's Notice of  
19th September, according to which the  
rate of collection for Telegram Charges was  
fixed at dollars 0.44 equal to Frs. 1.00 for the  
quarter ending 31st December, 1904, Senders  
of Telegrams are hereby advised that the said  
rate will remain unaltered subject to revision  
after 3 months dating from 1st January, 1905.

OLAF NIELSEN,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904. [2839]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRA-  
LASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the Notice of 19th  
September last, senders of telegrams are  
hereby advised that, from the 1st JANUARY  
NEXT, charges for telegrams will continue to  
be collected at the rate of FORTY-FOUR  
CENTS to equal ONE FRANC, such rate  
being subject to revision after further three  
months.

J. M. BECK,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904. [2840]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1841.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from  
1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts  
will be rendered for Aerated Waters.  
An inclusive charge will be made for Waters  
and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for  
empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be  
addressed to  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,  
Aerated Water Manufactory,  
Des Vaux Road Central.

PRICE LIST:  
\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated  
Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

Per Doz.  
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles 1.80  
Soda Water in B.P. Soda 1.80  
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda 1.80  
Lemonade 1.80  
Tonic Water 1.80  
Lithia Water 1.80  
Ginger Ale 1.80  
Lemon Squash 1.80  
Raspberryade 1.80  
Stone Ginger Beer 1.80

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3012]

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from  
1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts  
will be rendered for Aerated Waters.  
An inclusive charge will be made for Waters  
and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for  
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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

PRICE LIST.  
\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated  
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Soda Water 1.80  
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles 1.80  
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda 1.80  
Lemonade 1.80  
Tonic Water 1.80  
Lithia Water 1.80  
Ginger Ale 1.80  
Lemon Squash 1.80  
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3003]

WATKINS, LIMITED.

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Lemonade 1.80  
Raspberryade 1.80  
Stone Ginger Beer 1.80

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3004]

## INTIMATIONS

SWATOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 45.

WRECK OF THE S.S. "WORKFIELD."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Wreck of the British Steamer Workfield  
has sunk in about 18 fathoms at low water  
spring tides.

Cape of Good Hope bearing N. 45° W. 15  
Miles. (Approximate).

A. HOLZ,  
Harbour Master.

Approved,  
FRANK SMITH,  
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,  
Swatow, 27th December, 1904. [3014]



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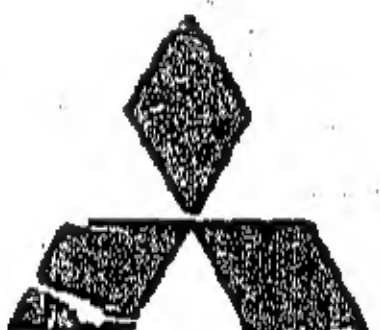
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Hongkong, 9th December, 1904. [2150]



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MARUNO-UCHI, TOKIO.  
Cable Address: "IWASAKI,"  
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The Head and Branch Offices and the Agencies of the Company will receive any order for Coals produced from the above Collieries.

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [11]

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Number of Testimonials from Authorities as well as from Private Customers.

LUTIGENS, EISENMANN & CO  
Sole Agents for China.  
Hongkong, 19th July, 1904. [361]

## INTIMATIONS HIRANO WATER.

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THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST  
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F. BLACKHEAD & CO., AGENTS.  
Hongkong, 31st July, 1903. [2578]

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LLANGOLLEN: DARLINGTON & CO.  
LONDON: SIMPKIN & CO. [77]

## AN APPEAL.

THE SISTERS who direct St. ANTONIO'S CONVENT at Macao will be very thankful to Shop-keepers, Linen-drillers, Clothiers and Tailors in Hongkong, Macao, and elsewhere who will send to them remnants of material, books of patterns no longer used, and any pieces of cloth, no matter how small, of which they cannot make use.

These who send will thus, at no cost to themselves, afford the numerous hands in the convent, especially the little ones, opportunity for useful occupation; for pieces of cloth, even of a square inch, can be stitched together and very pretty pieces of work made out of cloth that would otherwise be thrown away. These articles are bought by charitable persons, and the Sisters are thus helped to keep up their very large establishment, which is maintained by the alms of friends and in a great measure by the earnings of the girls themselves, who lead by no means an idle life within the convent walls.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [17]

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Hongkong, 1904. [2150]

## BECALMED.

BY CHARLES J. H. HALCOMBE.

"And I have loved thee, Ocean! and my joy  
Of youthful spirit was on thy breast to be  
Born, like thy bubbles, onward; from a boy  
I wanted with thy breakers; they to me  
Were a delight; and if the freshening sea  
Made them a terror, 'twas a pleasing fear;  
For I was, as it were, a child of thee.  
And trusted to thy billows far and near,  
And laid my hand upon thy mane—as I do here."

We are in the centre of the great Indian Ocean. It is perfectly calm, and there is not even a ripple upon the glassy surface of the deep. The dark waters undulate as though lightly breathing, as the swells of the ocean glide noiselessly beneath our keel and roll onward to break upon some remote shore. The rays of the moon quiver and scintillate upon this vast expanse, dappling it with silvery gleams, and forming an ever-widening track which stretches away toward the ultimate reaches of the sea, like a path to some enchanted land.

There is little twilight in these regions. The sun swiftly descends through the western sky, and finally plunges into the blue depths with a mighty splash of colouring, which tinges sea and sky with its ruddy light. The radiance spreads heavenward like a diaphanous fan edged with prismatic hues; and then the twilight glory trembles for a brief while, and quickly fades, as fold upon fold of this magic fan falls into the deep crimson afterglow which precedes the gloom of night. Stars fitfully gleam through a purple haze and are reflected upon the torpid plain below; and now and again the weird cry of a penguin and some other solitary sea-bird greet the listening ear as it settles down to rest and drift upon the silent tide or soars round the ship on outstretched wing like a watchful spirit of the desert, speaking to the world-stranded mariner of his utter loneliness.

I am standing upon the poop-deck of a stout old barge whose strong timbers have borne many a fierce gale and many a long voyage, though they are now creaking with a mournful sound suggestive of great age. Yes, this venerable craft has carried many a good man away from the dear homeland and over this trackless waste of waters, never to return, and has ploughed her liquid way around the wide world before steamers were invented to churn waters into seething foam and desert from the impressive grandeur and romance of the ocean.

We are becalmed. One vessel's sky-scraping cloud of canvas hangs against the tall pine masthead and having lost the symmetrical curves which only a breeze can give seems limp and inanimate yet alive with airy vibrations. The seamen are lying in groups upon the forward deck, and dark shadows fit to and fro across their sleeping forms and creep down over the bulwarks to wriggle about in noiseless mummery over the face of the adjacent waters. All is strangely still; my very heart seems hushed with awe as I watch and wait for a breath of wind to wait us forward on our course.

One might almost imagine that this is the night after some terrible sea-fight, and that this lone barge is burdened with the slain over whom the spirits of the deep are keeping a last vigil as she drifts on through the darkness of the desert to meet the mighty Storm King who will come and bear these lights of the sea away to some fair "Isle of Rest" beyond the ken of mortal man.

"Oh! many a glorious voice is gone  
From the rich bowers of earth,  
And hushed is a many lovely one  
Of merriment and mirth.  
The Dorian flute that sigh'd of yore  
Along the vale is still;  
The harp of Judah peals no more  
On Zion's awful hill.

But thou art swelling on, thou Deep,  
Through many an olden clime,  
The billowy anthem never to sleep  
Until the close of time."

The helmsman is listlessly leaning over the wheel, with his bearded chin resting between the spokes. In superstitious trust he leisurely looks around and whistles for a breeze, and at intervals he gazes vacantly into the binnet where a dull light throws forth its rays upon his sunburnt face. I, the officer on watch, am leaning over the taffrail and lingeringly looking into the blue depths of "memory's magic glass," wherein I see reflected the dear homeland haunts of my youth; while the look-out man on the fore-castle head is resting against the capstan with his arms folded and his head dozingly bowed. He seems to be listening to the faintly to the deep-voiced songs of a wind-bound ship and a slumbering sea.

As I stand here to-night gazing upon this grand and solemn scene, thoughts of the sweet days that are no more fill my mind with a sadness which it is good for a world-hardened man to sometimes feel. I remember, when a child, being at the seaside, and wonderingly watching the great ships as they came and went, sweeping past under a swelling cloud of white canvas, and gradually fading in the

dim distance beyond the horizon, some of them bound to the uttermost parts of the world. In those days I used to regard all classes of seamen with much veneration; for the sea was full of charm and mystery to me. Moreover, my dear old uncle Bob was a sailor, and when he came home from his long voyages he would tell of the wonderful sights he had seen and the distant lands he had visited. I became so absorbed in everything connected with nautical affairs that at last I prevailed upon him to take me away with him in his fine ship the *Wild Wave*. He died, and was buried at sea during our passage home.

Ah! Well do I remember that time. He died at about four o'clock, in the last watch of the morning. I had kept a long vigil at his bedside, but now that all was over I went on deck. The moon was still shining, and a large albatross wheeled its silent flight round our stern. Not a ripple disturbed the tranquillity of the ocean, and the ship lay motionless.

We were then in lat. 32 deg. 25 min. south, and long. 25 deg. 31 min. west, and were braced up on the port tack. My uncle's body was sewn up in canvas and weighted at the feet; and towards dawn four sailors carried his remains on deck. All hands now stood with uncovered heads at the main braces, and as eight bells sounded the ensign was hoisted half-mast. The bier lay resting upon an open port with the Union Jack as pall. Then the chief officer gave the command: "Back the main yards!" And with steady, solemn tread, the men walked forward, pulling the haws and thus squaring the ponderous yards. When the vessel was hove to the funeral service was read, and as the words, "Dust thou art to dust thou shalt return" rang out two of the oldest mariners on board tearfully launched their good captain's body into its deep-sea grave.

He is not confined in a darkened vault,  
Nor laid in a narrow bed,  
But sleeps on a field of crystal salt  
With a cloudless sky o'erhead.  
Where the sweetest flow'rs of an unknown land,  
Unseen and beyond our sight,  
Shall never be plucked by a mortal hand  
Or veiled by an earthly light.

Since then I have been alone in the world, and have wandered so far and so long, that I have learned many of the mystic secrets of the sea. But a calm always brings back to my mind hallowed memories of the past and of my childhood.

Hark! Eight bells sound. Lights glimmer in the fore-castle; the sleepers awake, and the watches muster on the quarter-deck. "All aft, aft," says the boatswain. "Relieve the wheel and look out!" is the order I give in response. Now I will go below.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. During the week under review, the settlements have continued to overshadow the market, and we have but little business to report. The continued rise in the rate of sterling exchange is still exercising a depressing effect, while the Christmas holidays have also assisted to keep the market dull and more or less depressed.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have weakened a little to \$170, at which rate a few shares have been on offer, the market closing steady at that rate with the London rate unchanged at \$170.10. Nationals remain unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have ruled steadily with buyers and no sellers at \$690. China Traders have changed hands at \$58, and close with buyers. Cantons remain steady at \$250 buyers without any sales to report.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have declined to \$330 with sales, but close with buyers at that rate. Chinas remain at \$90 with small sales and buyers.

SHIPPING.—Indos, after further sales at \$127 again receded, and a fair number of shares have, changed hands at \$126 during the week. At time of closing the market is firmer with buyers at \$128, the latest quotation from Shanghai is \$121.21, and from London \$121.5. A demand for shares forward at rather better than equivalent rates is not met. Hongkong, Canton and Macao continue to rule weak with sales and offer at quotation without sales. A demand for Doulares at \$331 has only been partially met, and the stock closes firm at that rate. Suez and the stock close neglected at quotations, with only a small business in the new issue at \$29 to report. Shells have changed hands at 26/-, cum div., closing quiet.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have ruled weaker during the week and sales have been effected at \$226 and \$227, whilst a forward demand at equivalent rates remains unsatisfied. The market closes fairly steady at \$227. Luzons have slightly improved to \$16.

MINING.—With the exception of a further decline of Ranta to \$31 we have nothing to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have steadied slightly and after sales at \$215 are enquired for in a small way at \$216. Kowloon Wharves have buyers at \$111, with no sales or offers. New Amoy Docks remain unchanged and without business. Farman's during the week all further to \$13. 153, but rallied quickly, and after sales at \$13. 160, 163 and 165 close fairly steady at \$13. 170, which last is the closing quotation in Shanghai.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue quiet at \$147 sellers, and buyers could probably be satisfied at under that rate. Kowloon Lands, West Points and Humphreys remain unchanged and without business. Hongkong Hotels have further declined to \$144, closing with sellers.

COTTON.—No changes or business to report under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Cements have changed hands at \$30, and Powells at \$124. Albion's are enquired for at \$100; Campbell, Moores at \$40, China Borneos at \$15, Dairy Farms at \$30, cum new issue. China Gas at \$100, and South China Morning Posts at \$21, while in other stocks under this heading sellers at quotations rule the market.

MEMOS.—Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. call of \$750 on shares not fully paid up (new issue) due 2nd January, 1905.

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Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [15]

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[1516—1]



## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
**ANDREAS RICKMERS**, German str., 1020 H. C. Kohn, 29th Dec.,—Bangkok 20th Dec., Rice and Flour.—Melchers & Co.  
**BENGALE**, British str., 2761, G. Phillips, 30th Dec.,—Shanghai 27th Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
**CINCINNATI**, U.S. cruiser, 3213, Osterhaus, 30th Dec.,—Cavite 27th Dec.  
**COURTNEY**, British str., 2874, W. Martin, 30th Dec.,—London 30th November, Nil.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
**ILFORD**, British str., 2789, J. G. McKeehan, 30th Dec.,—Mojito 24th Dec., Coal.—Order.  
**KORFA**, American str., 5651, Wm. B. Seabury, 30th Dec.,—San Francisco 3rd Dec. and Nagasaki 27th, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.  
**MATHILDE**, German str., 678, G. Schlaikier, 30th Dec.,—Touane 20th December, General.—Jensen & Co.  
**NEEDLES**, British str., 2905, J. P. Sander, 30th Dec.,—Samarang 19th Dec., Sugar.—Bradley & Co.  
**TAMING**, British str., 1350, Pennefather, 30th Dec.,—Manila 26th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
**WERY**, British str., 1227, E. Richards, 30th Dec.,—Chinkiang 25th Dec., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

**DEPARTURES.**  
**ANPING**, Chinese str., for Canton, 30th December.  
**BOURBON**, French str., for Saigon.  
**CHOWFA**, German str., for Bangkok.  
**HATTAN**, British str., for Coast Ports.  
**HANYAN**, British str., for Canton.  
**HOLSTEIN**, German str., for Chinkiang.  
**KAMOR**, Norwegian str., for Chinkiang.  
**KWELIN**, British str., for Canton.  
**LOHOSANO**, British str., for Manila.  
**SHIMOSA**, British str., for Singapore.  
**VANGUARD**, British battleship, for Misa Bay.

**VESSLS IN DOCK.**  
**ABERDEEN DOCKS.**—Cavite 11.  
**KOWLOON DOCKS.**—U.S.S. Fathomer, Agincourt, Hue, Indravelli, Dr. H. J. Kier, China, U.S.S. Seward, Empress of China, Kwangtung, Cosmopolitan Dock.—S.M.S. Sperber.

**VESSLS ON THE BERTH.**  
**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.**  
 (Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)  
**TEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.**  
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGURIA and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LIGURIAN and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN Gulf and Bagdad, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)  
**THE Steamship**  
 Captain Magazini, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 13th January, at Noon.  
 At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.  
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to  
**CARLOWITZ & CO.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1904.

**REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.**  
 VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL  
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST.)  
**PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.**  
 1904. About  
**"SHIMOSA"** ... 30th Dec.  
**"GHAEZE"** ... 25th Jan.  
**"SATSUMA"** ... 5th Feb.  
 For freight and further information, apply to  
**DODWELL & CO., LTD.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**  
**STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.**  
**PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.**  
 THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.  
**THE Steamship**  
 Captain G. Phillips, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 31st December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Victoria," 6522 tons, from which vessel passengers are accommodated from Hongkong. Silk and Valuable mail cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oriental," due to London on the 12th February, 1905. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and values of all packages are required.  
 For further particulars, apply to  
**E. A. HEWETT,**  
 Superintendent.  
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1904.

**NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.**  
**THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA** are prepared, during suspension of their Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice, to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVERLAND POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES and CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE as follows:—By steamers of the NORTHERN PACIFIC CO. S.S. CO., BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO., and TOWBOAT CO. S.S. CO., and CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO.  
 For further particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Canton Road.  
**A. S. MURRAY,**  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, 20th Jan., 1904.

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 Manager.  
 Hongkong, 20th Jan., 1904.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.				3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.		
DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENLOMOND	Brit. str.	—	Clark	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 10th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLACUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Feb.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IDOMENUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23th Feb.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	DUMBEA	French str.	—	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 10th Jan., at 1 p.m.
SEYDLITZ	GER. str.	k.w.	—	C. Dowers	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ARMENIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd Jan.
C. FELD LAEISZ	GER. str.	k.w.	—	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
AMERICA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
SITHONIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
ARCADIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
ARMENIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
SAMRIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Mar.
RIKHANIA	GER. str.	k.w.	—	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
ASAX	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Feb.
SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 25th inst.
SENCEA	Brit. str.	—	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 25th Jan.
RAS ISSA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 20th Jan.
EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	E. Beetham, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th Jan.
TARTAR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	E. Beetham, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th Jan.
TEKUMOT	Brit. str.	—	—	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 14th Jan.
TYDEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	T. W. Garlick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th Jan.
NIGORIKIA	Brit. str.	—	—	Wagner	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 9th Jan., at Daylight.
USUALIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	Fehaw	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 11th Jan., at Noon.
TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	G. S. Pearse	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
INKUM	Brit. str.	—	—	G. S. Pearse	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
PALMA	Brit. str.	—	—	E. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 12th Jan.
BUCENTAUR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	Ritson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan., at Daylight.
TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	Ritson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan.
TULITJAP	Dut. str.	—	—	G. W. Montford, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
LOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	A. Hansen	JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	To-day, at 3 p.m.
COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	—	—	H. A. Haraldson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 31st inst.
TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Daylight.
FRITHJOF	Jap. str.	—	—	Schlaikier	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
M. STURVE	Jap. str.	—	—	Robson	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th Jan., at Daylight.
DEOSMA	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	R. W. Almond	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at Daylight.
RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	Pennefather	DOUGLAS LAMPAKE & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
TAHINE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	T. W. Garlick	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day, at 10 a.m.
TEBOMONT	Brit. str.	—	—	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 3rd Jan.
MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	R. Rodger	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 7th Jan., at 10 a.m.
LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	—	Tadd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 6th Jan., at 4 p.m.
ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—	—	Maganzini	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
					CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th Jan., at Noon.



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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"PRIAM"	On 30th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"WRAICASTLE"	On 3rd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"GLAUCUS"	On 11th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"AJAX"	On 16th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"TYDEUS"	On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"PAKLING"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"IDOMENEUS"	On 31st January.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HECTOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 14th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 28th February.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TYDEUS"	On 27th January.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 3rd January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COCKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these  
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Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other  
Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND  
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

## SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL.

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks.

SS.	Captain
"LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
"SOPHIA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
"INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
"S. INDRASVELL"	Captain S. Collington.
"S. COURTNEY"	Captain J. W. Martin.
"S. SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
"S. CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
"S. INKAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
"S. ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
"S. INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
"S. SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
"S. SEALDA"	Captain Geo. Brown.

The S.S. "INKUM" will be despatched for Durban on SUNDAY, 1st January, 1905, at  
10 A.M. (Calling at Kuchinotzu, Chefoo and Chin-Wan-Tao).

For Freight, apply to—  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,**  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

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CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION  
SAILING DATES.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 1904
ROON	4th January 1905
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 18th January
LEITEN	WEDNESDAY 16th February
CHSEN	WEDNESDAY 16th February
KINZERS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 15th March
MINZ RECENT RUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 15th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th April
FRITZ FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 28th April

WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship  
"SEYDLITZ" Captain C. Devers, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.  
Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and  
passengers received until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Passengers will  
be received on board until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.  
Not exceeding 100 Cubic Feet in Measurement.  
The above is subject to alteration without notice.  
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For Particulars apply to  
**MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904.

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A French Remedy for all irregularities. Thousands of  
Ladies have found a box of Martin's Pills in the house, so that on the  
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## CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Sat., 31st Dec., 10 A.M.
ZAPIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Sat., 7th Jan., 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND  
Ports, and taking through Cargo to  
ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, and  
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"AUSTRALIAN."

Captain Shaw, will be despatched for the  
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th  
January, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted  
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-  
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-  
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This Steamer is installed throughout with  
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A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon  
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electric fans fitted in staterooms.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904.

## SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AGINCOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Wornop,  
Hainan Island 1st Oct.—Gilmann & Co.

ALISACRAIG, British str., 2,166, A. D. Moody,  
27th Dec.—Mojil 21st Dec. Coal.—M. B.  
Kaisha.

ARDOVA, British str., 2,270, W. L. Smith, 27th  
December.—Mojil 21st Dec. Coal.—Dod-  
well & Co.

ASCOT, British str., 2,785, C. E. Cox, 28th  
December.—Mororan 17th December, Coal.  
—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

BELGIAN KING, British str., 2,353, J. Hayton,  
2nd Dec.—Mojil 28th Nov. Coal.—Bradley  
& Co.

BRUNHILDE, German str., 854, H. Selk, 23rd  
December.—Bangkok 16th Dec. Rice.—  
Sander, Wisler & Co.

CHINA, Austrian str., 2,720, Tomanovich, 29th  
Dec.—put back from Lamook 28th Dec.  
Dec. General.—Sander, Wisler & Co.

CHIVVEN, Chinese str., 1,177, Charles Stewart,  
23rd Dec.—Shanghai 17th Dec. General.  
—Chinese.

COPTIC, British str., 2,744, R. Lober, R.E.E.,  
27th December.—San Francisco 26th Nov.,  
and Shanghai 23rd December, General.—O.  
& S. N. Co.

DON-OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English,  
16th Dec.—New York 16th Sept. Case Oil.  
Standard Oil Co.

DR. HANSEN, Norwegian str., 691,  
H. E. Larsen, 25th Dec. Manila 24th  
December, Ballast.—E. A. Trading Co.

ELAZ, British str., 2,612, E. S. Baker, 12th  
December.—Aroa Bay 1st Oct. Bulk Oil.  
—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ELKE, German str., 903, J. Petersen, 27th Dec.  
—Haiphong and Hobow 26th Dec. Rice.  
—Jensen & Co.

EMMALUYKEN, German str., 1,100, H. Martens,  
21st Dec.—Samarang (Java) 10th Dec.  
Sugar and Cotton Seed.—Chinese.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, E.  
Beetham, R.N., 20th Dec.—Vancouver  
(B.C.) 28th Nov. and Shanghai 18th Dec.  
Mails and General.—C. P. K. Co.

FERNBENE, British str., 2,444, Fisher, 18th  
December.—Batoum via Colombo 4th Nov.,  
Petroleum.—Dodwell & Co.

FREYDORF, Norwegian str., 891, Haraldsen,  
29th Dec.—Yamaguchi, Amoy and Swatow  
28th Dec. General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

GISELA, Austrian str., 2,640, G. Damjanovich,  
28th Dec.—Kobe and Shanghai 24th Dec.  
General.—Sander, Wisler & Co.

GLENLOGAN, British str., 3,740, J. McGregor,  
29th Dec.—London 1st Nov. and Singa-  
pore 22nd Dec. General.—McGregor Bros.  
& Gow.

GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,863, Starkey, 1st  
December.—Batoum 25th October, Oil.  
—Dodwell & Co.

HALABAN, Dutch str., 335, J. Standaan, 6th  
December.—Fochow 2nd Dec. Ballast.  
—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

HVE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.—  
Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov. General.—  
A. K. Marty.

INDRAVELL, British str., 3,125, S. Collington,  
28th Nov.—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.

INEULA, British str., 3,316, E. Dean, 19th Dec.  
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INKUM, British str., 3,074, E. S. Pearce, 23rd  
Dec.—Durban 26th Nov. Casks Garlic.  
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KOHNSCHANG, German str., 1,292, G. Geiswich,  
27th Dec.—Bangkok 17th Dec. Rice and  
Timber.—Butterfield & Swire.

LAISAN, British str., 3,460, E. J. Todd, 27th  
December.—Calcutta 10th Dec. and Singa-  
pore 21st, General.—Jardine, Matheson  
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LINAN, British steamer, 1,352, Williams, 29th  
Dec.—Shanghai 26th Dec. General.—  
Butterfield & Swire.

MACHWE, German str., 932, Harjes, 27th Dec.  
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MATSAWA, British str., 1,644, S. J. Payne, 22nd  
December.—Samarang 15th Dec. Timber.  
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ORLAND, Norwegian str., 844, Th. W. Schlytter,  
4th Dec.—Nagasaki 26th Nov. Beans.  
—M. B. Kaisha.

PRU YEN, French str., 1,299, Durolat, 17th  
December.—Samarang 5th Dec. General.—  
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PRINSESS JARIE, Danish str., 3,517, P. A.  
Barentzen, 24th Dec.—Singapore 14th  
Dec. General.—Matheson & Co.

SCOTSMAN, British str., 1,064, E. A. Mackenzie,  
16th Dec.—Mojil 10th Dec.—Co. L.—Chinese.

SIAM, British str., 1,224, Burns, 17th Dec.—  
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